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SUBJECT: TRIPOLI WATCH: COMINGS AND GOINGS MAY 11-20

I. ARRIVALS --

1. ARAB ORGANIZATIONS. KAMAL NUR ALLAH, IDENTIFIED BY MEDIA AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ARAB SCIENTIFIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 19 AS GUEST OF LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE SECRETARY MAHJUB.

2. BRAZIL. A DELEGATION OF WHAT MEDIA DESCRIBED AS "SECRETARIES OF THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESSES" ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 10 AS GUESTS OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. NO FURTHER DETAILS ON DELEGATION'S COMPOSITION REPORTED.

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3. CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE. MINISTER OF POST, TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (IDENTIFIED IN ONE NEWS DISPATCH AS FRANCOIS OTHNAR) ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 19 ON A 24-HOUR VISIT. PRESS REPORTS DISCUSSION CENTERED ON PREPARATION OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF AIR TRANSPORT.

4. JORDAN. JORDANIAN FINANCE MINISTER MUHAMMAD AL-DABBAS ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 17. DISCUSSIONS WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS WHICH INCLUDED PRESIDENT QADHAFI INVOLVED PROPOSALS FOR LIBYAN PARTICIPATION IN JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESUMPTION OF LIBYAN BUDGET SUBSIDIES TO JORDAN. THE MINUTES OF AN AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AND PROMOTE THE SCOPE FOR ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED IN TRIPOLI MAY 22 BY DABBAS AND LIBYAN TREASURY SECRETARY RAJAB.

5. MALTA. THE DIRECTOR OF PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF'S OFFICE, JUNA MILLARY (PHONETIC) ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 14. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MEDIA, VISIT COMES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF "MUTUAL COOPERATION". MILLARY WAS SAID TO BE CARRYING A LETTER TO QADHAFI FROM MINTOFF. IN A RELATED ITEM, THE HEAD OF THE LIBYAN-MALTESE SOLIDARITY ASSOCIATION ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 20 TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR A FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC EXHIBITION IN MALTA.

6. PHILIPPINES. MORO LIBERATION FRONT LEADER, NURALADJI MISUARI, MET WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI MAY 18 IN THE LATTER'S CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AT THE DAKAR ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ON THE ISSUE OF PHILIPPINO MOSLEMS. TRIPOLI NEWSPAPER "AL-FAJR AL-JADID" REPORTS THAT DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES
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AND ON THE MEASURES NECESSARY FOR THE "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIPOLI AGREEMENT WHICH STIPULATES AUTONOMY FOR MOSLEMS" IN THE PHILIPPINES.

7. TUNISIA. DELEGATION HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA VISITED TRIPOLI MAY 12-15 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE HIGHER TUNISIAN-LIBYAN JOINT COMMISSION. AT VISIT'S CONCLUSION, MINUTES ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, CULTURE, AND INDUSTRY WERE SIGNED. ALTHOUGH NOUIRA WAS RECEIVED BY SEVERAL HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS INCLUDING GENERAL SECRETARIAT MEMBERS JALUD AND HUMAYDI, HE DID NOT SEE QADHAFI WHO WAS IN BENGHAZI. (TRIPOLI 0718.)

8. UNITED STATES. NINE-MAN DELEGATION OF US-ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (PACIFIC) ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 15 AS GUESTS OF FOREIGN SECRETARIAT. AMONG COMPANIES REPRESENTED WERE BECHTEL, LOCKHEED, BANK OF AMERICA, AND FOREMOST-MCKESSON. GROUP WAS RECEIVED BY SEVERAL RANKING OFFICIALS INCLUDING FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI, THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, AND SECRETARIES OF ECONOMIC MINISTRIES (TRIPOLI 0740).

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II. DEPARTURES --

9. PERSIAN GULF. DELEGATION DESCRIBED BY LOCAL MEDIA AS REIRESENTING THE ARAB PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (A CREATION OF SHAHATI'S FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU) LEFT TRIPOLI MAY 13 ON A TOUR TO KUWAIT, BAHRAIN, UAE, AND IRAQ. DELEGATIONS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBYA, IRAQ, PLO, AND PDRY AND WILL HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH "POLITICAL AND POPULAR" ORGANIZATIONS.

10. MADAGASCAR. AHMAD SHAHATI, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU, HEADED A LIBYAN DELEGATION TO THE "AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE PARTIES' CONFERENCE" WHICH OPENED IN ANTANANARIVO MAY 17. DELEGATION MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING SHAHATI IDENTIFIED BY MEDIA AS HAMID AL-HADIRI, LIBYAN AMB. TO GUINEA; MUFTAH MAHDI, FIRST SECRETARY TO FORSEC TURAYKI; MUHAMMAD AL-BURKI, PRESIDENT

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OF THE DEPT OF PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MASSES;
AND HAMED AL-MAHDI, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FOREIGN
RELATIONS DEPT OF THE INFORMATION SECRETARIAT. SHAHATI
WAS REPORTEDLY ONLY DELEGATION HEAD RECEIVED BY
PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA. QADHAFI LATER SENT A TELEGRAM
TO THE CONFERENCE.

11. USSR. A LIBYAN DELEGATION DEPARTED TRIPOLI MAY 13
TO ATTEND THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF WOMEN.

III. NEW CONTRACTS --

12. ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED MAY 16
THAT INFORMATION SECRETARY ZUWAYY SIGNED A TWO YEAR
CONTRACT WORTH \$30.6 MILLION WITH WITH ITALIAN FIRM OF
MARIO GIOVANNI TO BUILD RADIO AND TELEVISION RECORDING
AND BROADCASTING STUDIOS. SAME NEWS DISPATCH ALSO
REPORTED CONTRACT WORTH \$109 MILLION SIGNED WITH A
YUGOSLAV COMPANY TO INCREASE THE POWER OF RADIO TRANSMITTERS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

IV. NEW ORGANIZATIONS --

13. THE GAMBIA. LIBYAN PRESS REPORTED MAY 14 ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE LIBYAN-GAMBIAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, ONE OF SEVERAL
LIBYA UNDERWRITES THROUGHOUT EUROPE, AFRICA, AND ASIA.

14. GREECE. LOCAL MEDIA ALSO ANNOUNCED MAY 16 THAT A
LIBYAN DELEGATION DEPARTED FOR CRETE TO ESTABLISH
A "CRETAN-LIBYAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY". THE NEW ASSOCIATION
IS SPONSORED BY AHMAD SHAHATI'S FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU
OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS.

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15. AN ARAB SYMPOSIUM OF BANK, INSURANCE, AND FINANCIAL
STAFF BEGAN IN TRIPOLI MAY 17. IT WAS ATTENDED BY
DELEGATIONS FROM LIBYA, IRAQ, SYRIA, ALGERIA, THE PLO,
PDRY, JORDAN, KUWAIT, SUDAN, MOROCCO, AND LEBANON.
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